

State Board of Health
Possible Briefing Topics for Study Sessions
Related to the School Environmental Health Rule

The Department of Health and Board staff are prepared to jointly coordinate study sessions to brief the Board about major topics related to school environmental health and safety. One option might be a special daylong study session in lieu of a regular monthly meeting (possibly November 2006 in the Seattle area). Below is a list of the main topic areas and a partial list of the subjects that might be addressed under each topic.

1. Existing Programs: What Works?
 - Local health jurisdictions (e.g., Spokane and Thurston)
 - School Districts (e.g., Everett)
 - Healthy Seat/Tools for Schools (EPA, OSPI)
2. Current Science: What Do We Know?
 - Drinking water contaminants
 - Particulates
 - Toxic soils
 - Pesticides
 - Noise
 - Lighting
 - Need for baseline data and assessment tools
3. The System: Putting the Rule in Context
 - Role of other Agencies (e.g., DOH, OSPI, school districts, educational service districts, L&I, Building Code Council, Agriculture)
 - Roles
 - Authorities
 - Programs
 - Enforcement and accountability
 - Gap analysis
 - Board authority
 - Addressing the gaps
 - Enforcement and accountability